

TO THE  
LEGISLATURE  
OF THE  
STATE OF MARYLAND.

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Pursuant to a resolution of the Stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, hereto attached, marked A, the President and Directors of said Company beg leave respectfully to represent:

That this important undertaking is now in successful operation from the city of Washington, to Harper's Ferry, in Virginia, and its advantages are speedily beginning to be felt and known to the inhabitants who reside along the line of its projection. A fertile and valuable region of country, abounding in bread stuffs, and in mineral and forest resources, is fast opening to commercial pursuit, and new avenues to enterprize are unfolding themselves. Valuable materials which for ages have lain dormant, on our shores and mountains, because of the forbidden expense of reaching a profitable market, thro' this opened channel must soon form an increased source of wealth, whereby to enrich its citizens and advance the general interests of the country.

Contracts have been entered into, and are in rapid progress towards completion, to a point near Williamsport, in Maryland, which are expected to be finished during the ensuing spring, whereby a line of Canal communication will be completed for more than one hundred miles, west the city of Washington.

Your memorialists are aware of the differences of opinion which exist in relation to the subject of internal improvement; they take leave however to say, that in the whole undertakings and plans, present and in prospect, none probably ought to be considered of higher importance, than the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Its importance may well entitle it to be considered a national work. Its tendency is to subdue obstacles, which nature has interposed and in interest and feeling to unite those, who in these res-